

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

date of this section, was found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be state owned or to land on which the state has given a mineral lease that on the effective date of this section was productive.

(d) Application for a patent under this section must be filed with the School Land Board within five years from the effective date of this section.

(e) This section is self-executing.

(f) This section expires on January 1, 1990.

Sec. 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held on November 3, 1981. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the commissioner of the General Land Office to issue patents for certain public free school fund land held in good faith under color of title for at least 50 years as of November 15, 1981."

Passed by the House on May 1, 1981: Yeas 128, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; House refused to concur in Senate amendments to H. J. R. No. 117 on May 28, 1981, by a non-record vote, and requested the appointment of a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the House adopted the conference committee report on H. J. R. No. 117 on May 30, 1981: Yeas 117, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 21, 1981: Yeas 31, Nays 0; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the Senate adopted the conference committee report on H. J. R. No. 117 on June 1, 1981: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS—COUNTY TREASURERS—TARRANT AND BEE COUNTIES— ABOLITION

H. J. R. No. 119

Proposing a constitutional amendment to abolish the office of county treasurer in certain counties.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Article XVI, Section 44, of the Texas Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 44. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of this section, the Legislature shall prescribe the duties and provide for the election by the qualified voters of each county in this State, of a County Treasurer and a County Surveyor, who shall have an office at the county seat, and hold their office for four years, and until their successors are qualified; and shall have such compensation as may be provided by law.

(b) The office of County Treasurer in the counties of Tarrant and Bee is abolished and all the powers, duties, and functions of the office in each of these counties are transferred to the County Auditor or to the officer who succeeds to the auditor's functions.

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(c) Provided however, that the office of County Treasurer shall be abolished in the above counties only after a local election has been held in each county and the proposition "to abolish the elective office of county treasurer" has passed by a majority of those persons voting in said election.

Sec. 2. That the following temporary provision be added to the Texas Constitution:

TEMPORARY PROVISION. The constitutional amendment proposed by the 67th Legislature, Regular Session, abolishing the office of county treasurer in Tarrant and Bee counties takes effect on January 1, 1983. This provision expires when executed.

Sec. 3. This proposed amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held on November 2, 1982. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to abolish the office of county treasurer in Tarrant and Bee counties."

Passed by the House on May 15, 1981: Yeas 126, Nays 17, 1 present, not voting; House concurred in Senate amendments to H. J. R. No. 119 on June 1, 1981: Yeas 100, Nays 45; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 30, 1981: Yeas 22, Nays 6, 2 present, not voting.

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